

ANNUAL REPORTS

**TOWN OF
CHESTER**
New Hampshire



**For the Year Ending
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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
**Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Clerk,
Highway Agent and Trustees of Trust Funds**
OF THE
TOWN OF CHESTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE
Year Ending December 31
1955

News-Enterprise Press

Derry, N. H.

TOWN OFFICERS 1955

MODERATOR

Robert C. Hazelton

TOWN CLERK

Carrie A. Richardson

SELECTMEN

Austin C. Hunt, 1956

Harry W. Roberts, 1957

John A. West, 1958

OVERSEER OF POOR

John A. West

TOWN TREASURER

Florence L. Herrick

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roland A. Nichols

REPRESENTATIVE

Walter P. Tenney

POLICE OFFICERS

Lester J. Lewis, Chief

Maurice G. Colman, Special

Josiah Richardson, Special

Fred MacDonald, Special

Wilbur P. Hunt, Special

Merton Edwards, Special at Dump

John P. Marshall, Special, Dog Officer

ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

HEALTH OFFICER

Fred H. MacDonald

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Ernest S. Edwards

Alvah G. Healey

Maurice G. Colman

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Walter P. Tenney, 1956

Mildred F. Hunt, 1957

Eugene E. Gannon, 1958

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Rose C. Learnard, 1956

Ella A. Allen, 1957

Maurice G. Colman, 1958

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Bert Warren, 1956

Josiah Richardson, 1957

Harry C. Edwards, 1958

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

William B. Wason, 1956

Austin C. Hunt, 1957

Maurice G. Colman, 1958

Byron D. Mills, 1959

Charles A. Morse, 1960

TRUSTEES OF WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME

Ella A. Allen, 1956

Philip G. Hazelton, 1957

Austin C. Hunt, 1958

Ethel M. Warren, 1959

Byron D. Mills, 1960

TOWN AUDITORS

Russell Underwood

Philip G. Hazelton

Lewis J. Gordon

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Samuel T. Douglas, 1956

James Eustis, 1957

Walter W. Lane, 1958

Charles J. Olivier, 1959

Eugene Tenney, 1960

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wilbur P. Hunt

Tel. 19-3, Chester, N. H.

FIRE CHIEF

Victor B. Spollett

Tel. 4-4, Chester, N. H.

CUSTODIANS OF STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL

Frederick MacDonald

Josiah C. Richardson

LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE LEADER

John H. Carson

ZONING COMMITTEE

Paul Nutting

Ewart Lyons

Bert Warren

Earle Dearborn

Harry Roberts

BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO
TOWN MEETING

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: (L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Chester on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects: Propose to close polls at 6 o'clock, article 2, and all articles thereafter to be taken up at 8:00 p. m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing and to choose a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$552.03 for class 5 roads, the State to contribute \$3,680.21.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00, the State Forestry and Recreation Department to contribute \$25.00, to cut trees and bushes on abandoned roads and Trails.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to buy new chairs for Stevens Memorial Hall.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor and its share of the cost of Old Age Assistance.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,540.08 for Street Lights.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Dump.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Chester Free Public Library.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Cemeteries.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extermination of Moths.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding 1/100 of one per cent of the Town's Valuation based on the 1955 assessment, to the Merrimac Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town in cooperation with the other 37 communities in this region, or act relating thereto.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense.

19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by the Town, through Tax Collectors' deeds, at Public Auction

20. To see if the Town will vote to request the State Tax Commission to make a complete reappraisal of the lands and other property within the Town to equalize valuation in accordance to law, and raise and appropriate money for the purpose.

21. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

22. To see what action the Town wishes to take in regard to the report of the Zoning Committee appointed by the Selectmen.

23. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

24. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Austin C. Hunt
Harry W. Roberts
John A. West
Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Austin C. Hunt
Harry W. Roberts
John A. West
Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

BUDGET

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January
Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan-

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax --	\$2,000.00	\$2,007.57	\$2,000.00
Railroad Tax -----	4.50	4.69	4.50
Savings Bank Tax -----	40.00	57.74	50.00
For Fighting Forest Fires --		12.68	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance -----		652.58	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses -----	350.00	387.41	380.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees -----	10.00	4.00	5.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings -----	150.00	88.00	200.00
Income from Trust Funds ---		10.00	
Income of Departments:			
Highway, including rental of equipment -----		97.50	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees --	3,500.00	4,898.32	4,000.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	900.00	702.00	800.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00	17.00	17.00
Total Revenue From All Sources Except Property Taxes -----	\$6,971.50	\$8,939.49	\$7,456.50

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1, 1956 to December 31, 1956 Compared With Estimated and Actual
uary 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual		Estimated
	Appropriations	Expenditures	Expenditures
	Previous Year 1955	Previous Year 1955	Ensuing Year 1956
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries -----	\$1,800.00	\$1,856.06	\$1,850.00
Town Officers' Expenses -----	875.00	926.29	1,000.00
Election and Registration Exp.	200.00	86.80	400.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other			
Town Buildings -----	1,600.00	1,523.89	3,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department -----	125.00	65.00	125.00
Fire Department -----	1,200.00	1,314.96	2,500.00
Moth Exterm. Blister Rust &			
Care of Trees -----	200.00	150.00	200.00
Civil Defense -----	100.00		100.00
Health:			
Health Dept., Incl. Hospitals -	50.00		95.00
Vital Statistics -----	30.00	24.10	30.00
Town Dump -----	500.00	448.50	500.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer -	4,000.00	4,391.45	4,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter --	2,500.00	1,727.37	2,500.00
Street Lighting -----	1,540.08	1,540.08	1,540.08
General Expenses of Highway			
Department -----	800.00	826.08	800.00
Town Road Aid -----	552.14	552.14	552.03
Libraries -----	500.00	500.00	500.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor -----	2,800.00	1,294.86	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance -----	2,500.00	2,406.88	2,700.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans'			
Association -----	100.00	67.00	100.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playground, Incl.			
Band Concerts -----	150.00	93.25	150.00

BUDGET (Continued)

BUDGET (Continued)

Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries -----	250.00	219.62	250.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses,			
Incl. Dog Damage -----	50.00	80.25	75.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans -----	150.00		75.00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	62.50	31.25	435.00
On Principal of Trust Funds			
Used By Town -----	17.50	17.50	
Highways and Bridges:			
Flashing Light -----	100.00	77.33	100.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Fire Truck -----	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Long Term Notes -----	500.00	500.00	
Payments to Other Governmental			
Divisions:			
County Taxes -----		3,370.96	3,370.96
Total Expenditures -----	\$24,752.22	\$25,591.62	\$28,448.07

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1955

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers Salaries	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	\$1,856.06		\$56.06
Town Officers Expenses	875.00		875.00	926.29		51.29
Election and Registration	200.00		200.00	86.80	113.20	
Police Department	125.00		125.00	65.00	60.00	
Health Department	50.00		50.00		50.00	
Vital Statistics	30.00		30.00	24.10	5.90	
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00		150.00	93.25	56.75	
Legal Exp. & Dog Damages	50.00		50.00	80.25		30.25
Interest on Loan	167.50		167.50	17.50	150.00	
Interest on Fire Truck	62.50		62.50	31.25	31.25	
Flashing Light	100.00		100.00	77.33	22.67	
Summer Maintenance	4,000.00	111.80	4,111.80	4,391.45		279.65
Winter Maintenance	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,727.37	772.63	
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	800.00		800.00	826.08		26.08
Town Road Aid	552.14					
States Share		3,680.92				

Hired	12,000.00	16,233.06	16,233.06	
Stevens Memorial Hall	47.00	1,647.00	1,523.89	123.11
Town Poor	1.30	2,801.30	1,294.86	1,506.44
Old Age Assistance	660.69	3,160.69	2,406.88	753.81
Fire Department	58.08	2,758.08	2,814.96	56.88
Street Lights	1,540.08	1,540.08	1,540.08	
Town Dump	500.00	500.00	448.50	51.50
Library	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Cemeteries	250.00	250.00	219.62	30.38
Memorial Day	100.00	100.00	67.00	33.00
Extermination of Moths	200.00	200.00	150.00	50.00
Civil Defense	100.00	100.00		100.00
Great Hill Cemtery Notes	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Bounties	7.50	7.50	4.00	3.50
Total	\$24,752.22	\$16,567.29	\$41,319.51	\$3,914.14
County Tax		\$3,370.96	\$37,905.58	\$500.21
Taxes bought by town		2,083.78		
Wrong Tax		302.88		
Head Tax		2,026.00		
School District		54,758.73		
Check returned		\$100,447.93		
		14.30		
		\$100,433.63		

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Chester in Rockingham County for the
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1955

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated February 9, 1956

Austin C. Hunt
Harry W. Roberts
John A. West
Selectmen

Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CONTINUED

ASSETS

Cash :

In Hands of Treasurer \$26,688.70

In Hands of Officials 30.00

Due From State :

Share of TRA for Long Term Note 10,500.00

Due from County 90.00

Unredeemed Taxes :

Levy of 1954 2,083.78

Levy of 1953 1,462.47

Previous Years 641.15

Uncollected Taxes :

Levy of 1955 10,035.81

State Head Taxes—Levy of 1955 505.00

Total Assets \$52,036.91

LIABILITIES

Due to State:

State Head Taxes—1955 (Uncollected)	\$505.00
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Due to School Districts:

Balance of Appropriation	16,247.45
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Long Term Notes Outstanding:

First National Bank, Derry, Note for	
Fire Truck	1,000.00
TRA Notes, Town's Share	1,500.00
TRA Notes, State's Share	10,500.00

Total Liabilities	\$29,752.45
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Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	22,284.46
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Grand Total	\$52,036.91
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Town of Chester

Receipts and

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—Current Year—1955	\$47,624.13
Poll Taxes—Current Year—Reg. @ \$2	702.00
National Bank Stock Taxes, 1955	17.00
Yield Taxes, 1955	564.84
State Head Taxes @ \$5—1955	2,055.00
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted	\$50,962.97
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes— Previous Years	14,145.13
Poll Taxes—Previous Years, Reg. @ \$2	130.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5 Previous Years	327.96
Interest received on Taxes	47.00

From State:

For Town Road Aid	3,680.92
Interest and dividends tax	2,007.57
Railroad Tax	4.69
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	57.74
Fighting forest fires	12.68
Bounties	7.50
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	660.69

From County: 1.30

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	387.41
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	4.00
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	185.50
Reimbursement Forest Fires	45.40
Income from trust funds	10.00
Income from departments	24.30
1956 Permits	51.14
Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 Permits	58.99
Registration of motor vehicles, 1955 Permits	4,788.19

CLASSIFICATION

Payments

For the Year Ended December 31, 1955

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses :

General Government :

Town officer's salaries	\$1,856.06
Town officer's expenses	926.29
Election and registration expenses	86.80
Exp. town hall and other town Bldgs.	1,523.89

Protection of Persons and Property :

Police department	65.00
Fire Dept., Incl. forest fires	1,314.96
Moth extermination—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	150.00
Bounties	4.00
Damage by dogs	41.85

Health :

Vital statistics	24.10
Town dumps	448.50

Highways and Bridges :

Town Road Aid	16,233.06
Town Maintenance (Summer \$4,391.45) (Winter \$1,727.37)	6,118.82
Street lighting	1,540.08
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	826.08

Libraries :

Libraries	500.00
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Public Welfare :

Old age assistance	2,406.88
Town poor	1,294.86

Patriotic Purposes :

Memorial Day and Veterans' Assoc.	67.00
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Recreation :

Parks and playgrounds, Incl. band concerts	93.25
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Public Service Enterprise :

Cemeteries, including hearse hire	219.62
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RECEIPTS and

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Long term notes during year	12,000.00
Insurance adjustments	27.00
Check returned	14.30

Total Receipts Other than Current

Revenue	\$12,041.30
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Total Receipts from All Sources

\$90,032.38

Cash on hand January 1, 1955

\$37,104.25

Grand Total

\$127,136.63

PAYMENTS (Continued)

Unclassified :

Flashing Light	77.33
Damages and legal expenses	38.40
Taxes bought by town	2,083.78
Discount, Abatements and Refunds	302.88

Total Current Maintenance Exp.	\$2,386.66
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Interest :

Paid on long term notes	31.25
Paid on principal of trust funds used by town	17.50

Total Interest Payments	\$48.75
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Indebtedness :

Payments on long term notes	2,000.00
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Total Indebtedness Payments	\$2,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Div. :

State Head Taxes paid State Treasurer (1955 Taxes \$1,664.65) (Prior Years \$361.35)	2,026.00
Taxes paid to County	3,370.96
Payments to School Districts (1954 Tax \$30,258.73) (1955 Tax \$24,500.00)	54,758.73

Total Payments to Other Gov't. Div.	\$60,155.69
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Total Payments for all Purposes ..	\$100,447.93
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Cash on hand December 31, 1955	\$26,688.70
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Grand Total	\$127,136.63
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1955

Valuation as of April 1st, 1955

Land and Buildings	\$1,204.785.00
Electric Plants	78,796.00
Horses, 34	1,075.00
Cows, 241	20,985.00
Other Neat Stock, 16	750.00
Sheep and Goats, 19	95.00
Hogs, 4	80.00
Fowls, 8,662	3,931.00
Fur Bearing Animals, 537	3,800.00
Portable Mills	4,000.00
Wood, Lumber	5,370.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,690.00
Stock in Trade	17,725.00
Mills and Machinery	3,310.00
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	\$1,346.392.00
Soldiers' and Blind Exemptions	65,060.00
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	\$1,281.332.00

APPROPRIATIONS

List of 1955 Appropriations as taken from the official record of the annual town meeting, March 8, 1955.

Article 2—Town Charges

Town Officers Salaries	\$1,800.00
Town Officers Expenses	875.00
Election and Registration	200.00
Police Department	125.00
Health Department	50.00
Vital Statistics	30.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Legal Expenses and Dog Damage	50.00
Interest on Loan	167.50
Interest on Fire Truck	62.50
Flashing Light	100.00
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	\$3,610.00

Articles 4 and 5		
Highways		7,300.00
Article 6		
Class 5 Roads		552.14
Article 8		
Stevens Memorial Hall		1,600.00
Article 9		
Town Poor	2,800.00	
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	
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		5,300.00
Article 10		
Fire Department		2,700.00
Article 11		
Street Lights		1,540.08
Article 12		
Town Dump		500.00
Article 13		
Library		500.00
Article 14		
Cemeteries		250.00
Article 15		
Memorial Day		100.00
Article 16		
Extermination of Moths		200.00
Article 18		
Civil Defense		100.00
Article 19		
Great Hill Cemetery Notes		500.00
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		\$24,752.22

TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Town of Chester, N. H. for the
year ending December 31, 1955

Cash Balance from 1954 account	\$37,104.25
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Tax Collector :

Property Tax, 1952	\$617.78	
Property Tax, 1953	357.20	
Property Tax, 1954	12,563.83	
Property Tax, 1955	47,624.13	61,162.94

Timber Tax, 1954	606.32	
Timber Tax, 1955	564.84	1,171.16

Head Tax, 1954	390.00	
Head Tax, 1955	2,055.00	2,445.00

Head Tax Fines, 1954	36.50	
Head Tax Fines, 1955	10.50	47.00

Poll Taxes, 1954	130.00	
Poll Taxes, 1955	702.00	832.00

Interest, 1952	66.82	
Interest, 1953	22.93	
Interest, 1954	228.31	
Interest, 1955	9.90	327.96

National Bank Stock		17.00
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Town Clerk :

Auto Taxes	4,898.32	
Dog Tax	387.41	
Filing Fees	4.00	5,289.73

Rent of Hall		68.00
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State of New Hampshire :

Share of Recovery of Old Age Assistance to Martha Fisk	1.02
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Share of Recovery of Old Age Assistance to John Fisk and Martha Fisk	501.56
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Share of Recovery of Old Age Assistance to Joseph Rugge	150.00	652.88
Fire Training Meeting	7.58	
Highway Department	3,680.92	
Interest and Dividend Tax	2,007.57	
Bounties on Porcupines	7.50	
Share of Forest Fire Bill	5.10	
Savings Bank Tax	57.74	
Railroad Tax	4.69	5,771.10
Maurice Colman, Exec. Leon Simonds Account		8.11
Harry Roberts, County Reimbursement		1.30
Mrs. Clarence Weatherbee, Gravel from Road Dept.		24.30
Gas Meter Money		20.00
John West, Geo. Davis, Forest Fire		35.00
Wibur Hunt, Horace Hatfield, Forest Fire		10.00
Wilbur Hunt, Reimb. Forest Fire Bill40
Town of Raymond, Use of Grader		97.50
Curtis Agency, Return Premiums		27.00
Austin Hunt, Dividends, Wilcomb Fund		10.00
First National Bank, Derry, Notes		12,000.00
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		\$127,122.33
Paid Selectmen's Orders No. 51—280		100,433.63
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Cash on Hand		\$26,688.70

Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 1955

The Town Clerk received for:

Dog licenses for 1954	\$30.50
Dog licenses for 1955	388.00
Fees collected after July 1, 1955	15.00
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	\$433.50
Dogs tags cost	\$11.02
License book	3.52

Postage	2.75	
The Clerk retained fees	28.80	46.09

The Town Treasurer was paid \$387.41

During the year Automobile taxes totaled \$4,898.32
which was paid to the Treasurer monthly.

1954 Permits	\$58.99
1955 Permits	4,788.19
1956 Permits	51.14

\$4,898.32

The Town Clerk paid to the Town Treasurer \$4.00
for filling fees.

24—1954 Permits issued in 1955	\$ 58.99
679—1955 Permits issued	4,789.19
8—1956 Permits issued in 1955	51.14

\$4,898.32

Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1955

— Dr. —

Taxes Committed to Collector :

Property Taxes	\$57,659.94
Poll Taxes	898.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00

Total Warrant	\$58,574.94
Yield Taxes	791.35
Interest Collected	9.90

Total Debits \$59,376.19

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer :

Property Taxes	\$47,402.50
Poll Taxes	702.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00
Yield Taxes	564.84

Interest Collected	9.90	
Abatements and over Assessments	221.63	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collectors List:		
Property Taxes	10,035.81	
Poll Taxes	196.00	
Yield Taxes	226.51	
Total Credits		\$59,376.19

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1954

— Dr. —

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1955		
Property Taxes	\$11,901.01	
Poll Taxes	130.00	
Yield Taxes	606.32	
Interest Collected During Year	215.14	
Total Debits		\$12,852.47
		— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$11,860.76
Poll Taxes	114.00
Interest Collected	215.14
Yield Taxes	606.32
Abatements over 70 years old	16.00
Wrong Tax	40.25

Total Credits	\$12,852.47
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STATE HEAD TAX WARRANT 1955

— Dr. —

Warrant	\$2,560.00	
Penalties Collected	10.50	
Total Debits		\$2,570.50
		— Cr. —
Remittances to Treasurer	\$2,055.00	
Uncollected Taxes	505.00	
Penalties	10.50	
Total Credits		\$2,570.50

STATE HEAD TAX WARRANT 1954

— Dr. —

Uncollected Taxes Jan. 1, 1955.....	\$390.00
Penalties Collected	36.50

Total Debits	\$426.50
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— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer	\$365.00
Penalties	36.50
Wrong Tax over 70 years old	25.00

Total Credits	\$426.50
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Summary of Tax Sales—As of December 31, 1955

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of :

	1954	1953	1952
Taxes sold to Town During Year	\$2,083.78		
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes, January 1, 1955		\$1,462.47	\$641.15
Interest Collected after sale	13.17	22.93	66.82
Total Debits	\$2,096.95	\$1,485.40	\$707.97

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Remittances to Treasurer	\$662.82	357.20	617.78
Interest Collected	13.17	22.93	66.82
Unredeemed Taxes at close of year	1,420.96	1,105.27	23.37
Total Credits	\$2,096.95	\$1,485.40	\$707.97

Unredeemed Taxes From Tax Sales On Account of Levies of :

	1954	1953	1952
Elliott Buxton	\$242.37	\$233.53	\$23.37
Elmer Dearborn	93.85	48.90	
Chester Telephone	86.20	82.55	
Edward Dunbar	212.00	200.26	
William Jones	114.75	108.65	
Josephine Levesque	133.99	128.94	
Grace Perkins	27.79		
Dwight Mitchell Heirs	243.32	230.53	
Randolph Roberts'	30.17	28.88	
Chester Towle	48.02	43.03	
Townsend Home Trustees	74.95		
Hazen Wyman	18.24		
William O. Adams	8.79		
Theodore Eaton	86.52		
	\$1,420.96	\$1,105.27	\$23.37

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries

Appropriated \$1,800.00

Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	\$225.00
Harry W. Roberts, Selectman	215.00
John A. West, Selectman	200.00
Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk	405.50
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	684.50
Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer	75.00
Russell Underwood, Auditor	12.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Auditor	12.00
Lewis J. Gordon, Auditor	12.00
Robert C. Hazelton, Moderator	15.00

\$1,856.06

Town Officers Expenses

Appropriated \$875.00

Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	\$35.00
Postage, Expense Assessors Meeting	14.35
Harry W. Roberts, Selectman	60.00
John A. West, Selectman	70.00
Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk, Dues	
Clerk Assoc.	9.00
Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer	35.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	25.00
Lewis J. Gordon, Stamps45
Mildred F. Hunt, Trustee of Trust Funds,	
Salary and Expenses	35.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., Supplies	35.07
Ruth N. Ray, Stamps	21.00
News Enterprise Press, Town Reports,	
Ballots	380.22
Curtis Insurance Agency, Ins., Bonds	139.00
First National Bank, Derry, Safe Deposit	
Vault	5.50
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collector Assn. Dues	3.00
Sargent Brothers, Tax Bills	33.80
R. H. Llewellyn Co., Inc., Supplies	1.50
John W. A. Green, Copying Transfers	23.40

\$926.29

Election and Registration

Appropriated \$200.00

Fred H. MacDonald, Services at Hall	\$7.20
Lewis J. Gordon, Ballot Clerk	7.20
Harry C. Edwards, Ballot Clerk	7.20
William J. Ring, Ballot Clerk	7.20
Maurice Colman, Supervisor	6.00
Ernest Edwards, Supervisor	14.00
Alvah Healey, Supervisor	12.00
Mildred F. Hunt, Dinner and Lunch for Officers	26.00

\$86.80

Police

Appropriated \$125.00

Lester J. Lewis, Chief	\$60.00
John P. Marshall, Dog Officer	5.00

\$65.00

Health Department

Appropriated \$50.00

No Payment

Vital Statistics

Appropriated \$30.00

C. Edward Bourassa, Register, one name	\$.10
Carrie Richardson, Town Clerk	24.00

\$24.10

Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriated \$150.00

Earle Hazelton, Mowing in Cemetery, Town Clock	\$43.00
Newton West, Work after Hurricane	11.25
Josiah C. Richardson, Mowing Lawns	39.00

\$93.25

Legal Expenses and Dog Damage

Appropriated \$50.00

John P. Marshall, Dog Officer	\$27.85
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Albert H. White, Legal papers and Exp.	38.40	
Mary Simano, Damage	14.00	
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		\$80.25
Interest On Loan		
Appropriated \$167.50		
Trustees of Trust Funds		\$17.50
Interest On Fire Truck		
Appropriated \$62.50		
First National Bank, Derry		\$31.25
Flashing Light		
Appropriated \$100.00		
N. H. Electric Co., Service	\$70.09	
Graybar Electric Co., Inc., G. E. Lamps	3.24	
Franklin A. Dickason, Work on Light	4.00	
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		\$77.33

General Expense of the Highway Department

Appropriated \$800.00		
N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service	\$12.50	
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Salt	34.80	
Roland Nichols, Work on Tractor House	72.42	
Kinne Electric Service, Labor and Parts	25.90	
Towles Garage, Supplies, Welding	30.50	
Curtis Insurance Agency, Bonds and Ins.	193.70	
James Eustis, Work on Snow Plow	24.50	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc. Sander and		
Attachments	248.25	
Push Frame, Cutting Edges, Supplies	183.51	
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		\$826.08
Town Road Aid		
Appropriated \$552.14		
State of New Hampshire:		
Town's Share	4	\$552.14
State's Share		3,680.92
Money Hired		12,000.00
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		\$16,233.06

Stevens Memorial Hall

Appropriated \$1,600.00

N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service	\$163.16
Chester Telephone Co., Tel. Service	61.36
Fred H. MacDonald, Janitor, Supplies	152.02
Josiah C. Richardson, Janitor, Lawns	455.85
J. J. Moreau & Sons, Inc., Paint, Supplies	4.24
Fuelite Gas, Gas for Kitchen	26.00
Gannon Coal and Supply Co., Coal	245.00
Earle Hazelton, Sawing & Housing Wood	16.00
Newton West, Wood	28.00
Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Ins.	155.25
C. H. Haskell, flame proofing stage curtain	55.00
W. H. Cook & Sons Piano Co., Tuning Piano	5.00
Curtis Insurance Agency, Insurance	66.61
Philip G. Hazelton, Insurance	74.85
Roland A. Nichols, Repairs	15.55

\$1,523.89

Town Poor

Appropriated \$2,800.00

Rockingham County Home & Hospital	\$219.70
State of New Hampshire	81.20
Ella Gradual (Mrs.)	330.00
Harry R. Kellett, M.D.	10.50
Chester Telephone Co., Tel. Service	1.30
Philip G. Hazelton	177.69
John A. West	416.00
Lichtenstein Ladics Apparel Shop	53.90
Small's Department Store	4.57

\$1,294.86

Old Age Assistance

Appropriated \$2,500.00

State of New Hampshire	\$2,406.88
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Fire Department Including Forest Fires

Appropriated \$2,700.00

N. H. Electric Co., Electric Lights	\$29.98
Chester Telephone Co., Tel. Service	59.84
R. G. Crowell, Insurance	130.50

Curtis Insurance Agency, Bonds, Ins. on	
Fire Trucks, Employees	145.50
Fire and Theft on New Fire Truck	24.50
W. P. Hunt, Warden Forest Fires, Forest	
Fire School	103.01
Hunt's Garage, Battery, Gas, Supplies	143.15
Blanchard Assoc., Inc., Supplies	8.19
Gannon Coal & Supply Co., Oil for Fire	
House	77.34
Victor Spollett, Parts for Fire Truck	8.25
First National Bank, Derry, Interest (Fire	
Truck)	31.25
Muir Lumber Co., Lumber for Fire	
House Annex	286.00
Henry Provost, Sec., Dues State Firemens	
Assoc.	30.00
Roland Nichols, Labor and Material, Fire	
House	188.07
J. J. Moreau, Paint for New Fire House	23.98
Harry Edwards, Material and Labor	19.90
Motor Car Supply Co., Inc., Refill for	
Extinguisher	5.50
First National Bank, Derry, Payment on	
Fire Truck	1,500.00
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	\$2,814.96

Street Lights
Appropriated \$1,540.08

N. H. Electric Co.,	\$1,540.08
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Town Dump
Appropriated \$500.00

Fred H. MacDonald, Services	\$104.00
Merton Edwards, Services	320.00
Ralph H. Nason, Bulldozing	24.50

\$448.50

Library
Appropriated \$500.00

Ella Allen, Treasurer	\$500.00
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Cemeteries
Appropriated \$250.00

Newton West, Labor	\$26.62	
Earle Hazelton, Labor	193.00	
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Memorial Day		
Appropriated \$100.00		
Backmann Florist, Derry, Flowers for		
Monument	\$12.00	
American Legion, Flags, Flowers for		
Memorial	55.00	
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Extermination of Moths		
Appropriated \$200.00		
F. A. Bartlett, Tree Expert Co., Spraying		
Trees		\$150.00
Civil Defense		
Appropriated \$100.00		
No Payment		
Great Hill Cemetery Notes		
Appropriated \$500.00		
Trustees of Trust Funds		\$500.00
Bounties		
No Appropriation		
Harry Roberts paid for 8 Hedgehogs		\$4.00
Taxes Bought By Town		
Roland A. Nichols, Taxes bought by town	\$2,083.78	
Roland A. Nichols, Over Assessments and		
Wrong Tax	302.88	
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State and County Tax		
State of New Hampshire, Head Tax	\$2,026.00	
Winston L. Lothrop, County Tax	\$3,370.96	
School Money		
Carrie A. Richardson, Past 1955-1956		
Appropriations		\$54,758.73
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Total Payments	\$100,447.93	
Check Returned	14.30	
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REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

Winter Maintenance

Appropriated \$2,500.00

Creais, George, Labor	\$ 7.50
Crawford, Walter, Truck	48.00
Dolloff, Raymond Jr., Tractor and Truck	63.20
Groton, William, Labor	28.75
Healey, Robert, Labor	11.25
Hunt's Garage, Gasoline	3.04
Lewis, Lester, Truck	200.00
Mitchell, Lester, Labor	32.50
Mitch's Filling Station, Gasoline and Zerone	21.10
Merrimack Farmer's Exchange, Salt	156.03
Snow, Albro, Mowing Bushes	413.00
Towle, James, Labor and Truck	707.00
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	\$1,727.37

Summer Maintenance

Appropriated \$4,000.00

Crawford, Walter, Truck	\$10.00
Geddis, Howard, Gravel	20.00
Groton, William, Labor	56.25
Hazelton R. C. Co., Inc., Culvet Pipe	600.16
Hammond, Lyman, Truck Bush Mower	238.20
Healey, Robert, Labor	5.00
Hunt's Garage, Gasoline, Oil, Supplies	43.28
Lewis, Lester J., Truck, Gravel	635.00
Merrimack's Farmers Exchange, Bush Cutters, Supplies	67.35
Moore, Richard, Truck, Loader	159.50
Mitch's Filling Station, Gas, Oil, Grease	103.55
Roberts, Warren, Truck, Gravel	159.50
Rollins, Willis, Trucks	514.80
Towle, James W., Labor, Truck, Gravel	933.90
True and Noyes, Bridge Plank	15.36
Tuttle, William F., Shovel	480.00
Balance on Hand	30.00
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	\$4,391.45

WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME FINANCIAL REPORT

Income

Balance on Hand Jan., 1955	\$1,129.88
Dividends from Trust Funds	1,331.78

\$2,461.66

Expenditures

Paid Treasurer of Trust Funds	\$771.38
Derry Insurance Co.	24.00
Tax Collector	67.50
Rockingham County Home	262.00
Treasurer's Bond	5.00

\$1,129.88

Balance in Bank	\$1,331.78
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\$2,461.66

Ella A. Allen, Treasurer

GREAT HILL CEMETERY REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance brought forward Jan. 1, 1955	\$1,788.09
Received from sale of lots and burials	1,249.05

\$3,037.14

Total Expenses	\$472.04
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1956	\$2,565.10
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Paid Mildred Hunt, Treas. Jan. 1, 1956	
For Perpetual Care Fund	\$1,705.20

Balance on hand	\$859.80
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Maurice Colman, Treasurer

CEMETERY TRUSTEES, TOWN OF CHESTER

French Addition

Harry C. Edwards, Treasurer

Balance on Hand	\$717.59
Interest to Date	23.51

\$741.10

Paid Earle Hazelton	\$ 23.51
Cash to Balance	717.59
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	\$741.10
Balance on Hand	\$717.59

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Income

Cash on Hand Jan., 1955	\$ 53.86
Received from Town	500.00
Received from John Chase Fund	15.11
Received from George Stevens	11.98
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	\$580.95

Expenditures

Librarian's Salary	\$200.00
Books and Magazines	273.29
Chairs for Library	40.00
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	\$513.29
Balance in Bank	67.66
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	\$580.95

Ella A. Allen, Treasurer

CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books added in 1955	196
By purchase	108
By gift	88
Magazines received	28
By subscription	15
By gift	13

Fines

Fines	\$17.98
Balance on Hand, 1954	1.10
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	\$19.08

Expended for usual library supplies, postage,	
magazines and books	\$17.25
Cash on Hand	1.83
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	\$19.08

Chester Public Library is growing. The circulation has increased and more children are reading.

The Trustees have purchased two chairs.

Mr. Josiah Richardson has loaned a screen for the fireplace, which improves the appearance of the room. The light bulbs have been exchanged for 100 watt bulbs which make it more inviting in the evening.

Our shelf of books on New Hampshire is making a gain. We have a good number of the Church Reading books. Many magazines and books have been given. We wish to thank those who have given to the library and who have helped improve it in any way.

Your librarian is trying to find, for the library, the first Chester History—the Charles Bell History.

Is there anyone who knows where a copy of this book could be obtained?

Mabel R. Finnigan, Librarian

REPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1955, fourteen calls were answered.

Chimney Fires	5
Grass and Forest	7
Tractor	1
Oil Furnace	1
Permits to install oil burners issued	10

New Equipment: 2 extinguishers, one 15 lb. C-O-2 and one 20 lb. dry powder.

Built addition on building in rear of fire house to house forest fire truck and fire fighting equipment.

Victor B. Spollett, Chief

BE A GOOD CITIZEN—COOPERATE

Smoking and debris burning caused more than 50 percent of the forest fires occurring in the state of New Hampshire in 1955—235 fires out of a total of 463 originated from these two sources. Lighted smoking material and matches thrown from moving vehicles along the highway or dropped by fishermen, hunters, hikers, berry and flower pickers accounted for 26 percent; debris burning in the wrong place or at the wrong time by those who failed to heed all pleas for safety or refused to recognize the logical, sensible rules and regulations set up under legislative authority governing the use of fire in or near woodlands accounted for more than 24 percent. This is inexcusable.

Everything possible is being done officially to remedy the situation. Since 1909 there has been a statute on our law books which requires everyone to secure written permission from the local forest fire wardens before starting a fire in or near woodlands or where fire can be communicated to woodlands, unless the ground is covered with snow. A never ending program of educational work is being carried on by your local warden and state officials to inform the general public both of the value and necessity of securing the required permit for such burning. Much progress has been made, but there are still many who fail or refuse to cooperate. The value of our permit system was definitely proven in this district during the 1955 calendar year.

But what of the smokers? Despit all the efforts of those officially charged with the responsibility of preventing fires, too many were careless or thoughtless in disposing of smoking material and matches. Why? It is difficult to say. Autos are now equipped with ash trays. Why not use them. The crushing out of a cigar, cigarette and the complete extinguishment of matches before being discarded is an easy chore.

If the costly habits of the careless and indifferent smoker and debris burner could be overcome, more than half of our annual forest fires would be eliminated. Will You do Your share to bring this about?

REMEMBER

1. Get a written permit from your local warden before starting your debris burning or camp fire. The law requires it.
2. Make certain they are dead out before leaving them.

3. Become a safe smoker by extinguishing smoking material and matches before discarding them.

BE A GOOD CITIZEN—COOPERATE

Number of local fires 3

Number of acres burned $2\frac{1}{4}$

Number of permits issued 40

Merton A. Webber, District Fire Chief

Wilbur P. Hunt, Forest Fire Warden

AUDITORS REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Clerk, as required by law, and find them correct and properly vouched.

We have also examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Village Cemetery Trustees, Great Hill Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees and Trustees of the of Wilcomb-Townsend Home as required by law or custom and find them correct and properly vouched.

Russell Underwood

Philip Hazelton

Lewis Gordon

Auditors,

January 14, 1956

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF
CHESTER, N. H.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year.	Income During Year	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
May 25, 1918	Albert Knippee by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
April 15, 1919	Joseph Knowles	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
April 15, 1919	Robert and Rebecca Knowles	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Jan. 31, 1920	Elizabeth I. Kent by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
May 27, 1922	John S. Emery by Richard S. Emery	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Sept. 30, 1922	George Wells by Carrie L. Warren	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Oct. 3, 1922	Amos Green by Charles H. Green	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Nov. 30, 1923	Moses Pingree by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Jan. 31, 1924	Daniel Bell by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Mar. 31, 1923	Silas F. Larnard by Martha L. Larnard	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by will	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	3¼		6.55	6.50	
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3¼		1.64	1.64	
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West 2nd by will	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3¼		1.64	1.64	
April 30, 1921	Page Reed Smith by Josephine Lovering	Manchester Savings Bank	80.00	3¼		2.62	2.62	
April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Manchester Savings Bank	40.00	3¼		1.31	1.31	
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3¼		1.64	1.64	

Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Bean by will	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.64	1.64
Oct. 3, 1922	Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	3.26	3.26
May 3, 1923	Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.64	1.64
Nov. 20, 1923	Mark Sanborn by Heirs	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.64	1.64
Dec. 22, 1923	Herbert W. Robie	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.64	1.64
Mar. 15, 1906	William W. White by will	Town Note	75.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.62	2.62
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs	Town Note	45.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.58	1.58
Aug. 23, 1910	Sarah A. True	Town Note	75.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.62	2.62
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane by Sarah E. Lane	Town Note	70.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.45	2.45
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazellon by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	75.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.63	2.63
April 6, 1928	George Herman Jack by Jessie Stevens Jack	Town Note	60.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.10	2.10
Jan. 1, 1929	Mary E. Merrill by same	Town Note	25.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$.87	.87
Oct. 13, 1931	James DeLeskey by Rilla Day	Town Note	75.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.63	2.63
Aug. 23, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	60.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.88	1.88
July 7, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by same	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	40.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.25	1.25
Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens by will	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	60.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.88	1.88
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page by Mary A. Rydard	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	40.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.25	1.25
June 5, 1925	Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hook	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.57	1.57
Jan. 2, 1929	Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.57	1.57
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True by will per Sarah J. True	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.57	1.57
Jan. 5, 1931	French - Heath by Jennie C. Heath	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.57	1.57
July 1, 1931	Hannah M Sawyer by will	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.57	1.57
May 26, 1936	W. F. Warren by Frank Warren	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.57	1.57
June 17, 1909	Hannah M William by same	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.57	1.57

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Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION TRUST FUNDS—	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal			Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.57	1.57			
Nov. 25, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by same -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.57	1.57			
Sept. 29, 1917	Hills Stevens, by Lydia A. Newell --	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.57	1.57			
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall by will -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.57	1.57			
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse -	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.57	1.57			
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden by Clarence O. Morse -	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.57	1.57			
Oct. 1, 1924	James W. Gordon by will -----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.57	1.57			
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy by Abbie Hardy ---	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.57	1.57			
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West by Gertrude J. West	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.57	1.57			
May 3, 1904	Johr W. Noyes by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	3 3/4		9.82	9.82			
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	45.00	3 3/4		1.46	1.46			
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 3/4		3.27	3.27			
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	339.80	3 3/4		11.12	11.12			
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 3/4		3.27	3.27			
Oct. 11, 1911	Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 3/4		3.27	3.27			
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.62	1.62			
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton ---	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 3/4		3.27	3.27			
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3 3/4		1.62	1.62			

Mar. 20, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey by same by Kate V. Colby -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3¼	3.27	3.27
Jan. 23, 1926	Mills & Wilson by Frank M. Mills per Martin Mills -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	3¼	8.19	8.19
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3¼	3.27	3.27
June 5, 1928	James & J. Albert Hook by Elizabeth S. Hook -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3¼	3.27	3.27
May 30, 1930	Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3¼	3.27	3.27
April 27, 1931	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3¼	6.55	6.55
Mar. 12, 1929	John C. Chase by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3¼	6.55	6.55
May 1, 1920	Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	1,000.00	2½	25.29	26.00
Jan. 28, 1932	George F. West by Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	185.00	3¼	6.07	6.07
May 7, 1932	The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3¼	6.55	6.55
Aug. 3, 1932	C. F. Marston by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3¼	3.27	3.27
May 2, 1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee -----	Manchester Savings Bank	60.00	3¼	1.96	1.96
Aug. 1, 1933	Carlos Noyes by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	3¼	2.46	2.46
Jan. 11, 1933	A. H. Wilcomb by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	224.00	3¼	29.60	11.39
Oct. 9, 1933	Josie Gerah by will -----	Mortgage	220.00	5	4.51	22.72
Jan. 19, 1934	John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3¼	3.27	3.27
July 9, 1934	Lucy Lawrence by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3¼	4.91	4.91
July 8, 1935	Ellen A. Coates by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3¼	3.27	3.27
Nov. 25, 1935	Joseph Webster by Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3¼	6.55	6.55
Feb. 23, 1937	Valoria A. Towle by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3¼	3.27	3.27
May 20, 1937	Mabel J. Brickett by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3¼	3.27	3.27

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal			Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
			Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year.	Amount of Principal			
May 8, 1937	Charles E. Cook by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	100.00	3.27	3.27	
Aug. 14, 1937	Moses Webster, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	100.00	3.27	3.27	
Aug. 19, 1937	The Melvin Fund by John Tracy Melvin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	100.00	3.27	3.27	
Oct. 23, 1937	Fred E. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	150.00	4.91	4.91	
Jan. 28, 1938	Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	100.00	3.27	3.27	
Dec. 8, 1938	James Marden by daughter	Amoskeag Savings Bank	40.00	3 1/2	40.00	1.30	1.30	
Mar. 1, 1939	Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	100.00	3.27	3.27	
May 29, 1939	E. G. Buffum by Lilla J. Morton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	100.00	3.27	3.27	
Aug. 11, 1939	Frances L. Hazelton Estate of F. L. by O. L. Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3 1/4	200.00	6.55	6.55	
Nov. 25, 1939	Susie Smith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	100.00	3.27	3.27	
May 21, 1940	Magdalena Robbs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3 1/4	200.00	6.55	6.55	
Oct. 31, 1940	John H. Robie by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	150.00	4.91	4.91	
Dec. 27, 1940	George Mackintosh by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	100.00	3.27	3.27	
July 22, 1941	Lewis Kimball by Annie L. Little	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	100.00	3.27	3.27	

Oct. 25, 1950	Eva Underhill -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27
Nov. 8, 1941	Mary A. Sanborn & Leroy D. Morse -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	120.00	3 1/4	3.92	3.92
Nov. 29, 1941	Mary A. Owen by Mary Owen --	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27
Nov. 28, 1941	Edward T. Morse, Lois C. Morse by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.02	6.38
Oct. 7, 1942	Mary J. Maple by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27
May 4, 1942	William Greenough by Arthur Greenough -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27
May 5, 1942	Arthur E. Leighton by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27
Feb. 23, 1942	William P. Nichols by children --	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27
July 27, 1942	Justine P. Creamer by Ina Creamer -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27
Aug. 22, 1942	Isabelle C. Clark by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3 1/4	6.55	6.55
June 18, 1943	Lida E. Crawford by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	3 1/4	.06	9.82
Feb. 15, 1943	Minnie D. French by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3 1/4	1.62	1.62
July 16, 1945	Addie F. Watkins by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27
Dec. 7, 1945	Ann M. Wakefield by Maud B. Goodrich -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	1.53	1.53
Dec. 9, 1947	George S. Webster by daughters --	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	4.91	4.91
Apr. 15, 1948	John G. Lang by Mary I. Lang by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	4.91	4.91
Apr. 15, 1948	Edwin Jones by Mary I. Lang by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	4.91	4.91
May 5, 1948	Osgood Richards by Abbie Richards Hood -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	4.91	4.91
Sept. 29, 1949	Preston E. Goodrich by Maud B. Goodrich -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	4.91	4.91
Nov. 16, 1949	Robert H. Hazelton -----	(2 shares of stock) -----			3.03	25.35
						8.38

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Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal					Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year.	Income During Year	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
			Man. Fed.	Savings Bank	Rate of Interest						
April 24, 1950	Victoria J. Brown by will	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	200.00	3 1/4	9.96	6.85	6.85	9.96			
July 5, 1950	William H. and Arthur H. West By Georgiana West	Manchester Savings Bank	250.00	3 1/4	1.83	8.22	8.22	1.83			
Oct. 19, 1950	William A. Moore By George Moore	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27	3.27				
Aug. 26, 1951	George E. Gillingham	Manchester Savings Bank	300.00	3 1/4	6.09	10.02	10.02	6.09			
May 1, 1951	J. Wesley Smith	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	3.27	3.27	3.27				
Dec. 11, 1951	Mansur & Seibert	Amoskeag Savings Bank	175.00	3 1/4	5.72	5.72	5.72				
April 1, 1952	Ivory J. and Sarah J. Lovering and John L. Husom	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	.53	4.91	4.91	.53			
Feb. 1953	Farish G. Lewis	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	.91	4.93	4.93	.91			
July 25, 1953	Nellie W. Keains	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	3 1/4	8.19	8.19	8.19				
Dec. 13, 1943	Amos T. French, by will	U. S. Bonds	5,000.00	2 1/2	92.42	128.44	135.40	85.46			
Sept. 24, 1953	Nathan W. Goldsmith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4	1.70	4.95	4.95	1.70			
Dec. 24, 1946	Great Hill Cemetery Fund	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	2,798.11	3 1/4	2.17	9.82	9.82	4,594.98			
Jan. 15, 1954	Moses Tewksbury	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	300.00	3 1/4	6.61	6.61	6.61				
Aug. 1954	Weeks and Forsaith	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	200.00	3 1/4							
LIBRARY FUNDS											
Mar. 20, 1955	Leon Simonds	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	2.17	2.17	2.17				
Oct. 20, 1955	Rufus Forsaith	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	.54	.54	.54				

Mar. 24, 1950	William Finnigan by same	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	100.00	3.27	3.27
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by Will	Manchester Savings Bank	339.80	11.12	11.12
Jan. 2, 1931	John C. Chase by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	500.00	16.39	16.39
1915	The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary J. Wilcomb				
		Amoskeag Savings Bank	4,466.98		
		Manchester Savings Bank	919.04		
1927	Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by Lydia A. Newell				
		Amoskeag Savings Bank	8,907.29		
		Manchester Savings Bank	4,389.32		
	Wilcomb Townsend Home Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	5,223.69		
		Manchester Savings Bank	3,949.86		
		Mechanics Savings Bank	10,563.42		
		U. S. Savings Bonds	4,300.00		
Jan. 12, 1956	Paid Treasurer Trustee of Wilcomb-Townsend Home Income on these Funds for 1955 ----- \$1,331.78				
Jan. 12, 1956	Received from Treasurer, Trustee of Wilcomb-Townsend Home unpended Balance for 1954 -- \$771.38				
Dec. 31, 1955	Received from Town of Chester \$500.00 to retire balance of Cemetery Notes.				

AUDITORS REPORT

January 14, 1956
 We have examined the books and accounts of Trustees of Trust Funds, Mildred Hunt, Treas., as required by law, and find them correct and properly vouched

R. E. Underwood
 L. J. Gordon
 Philip G. Hazelton
 Auditors

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

MODERATOR

John West

CLERK

Mildred F. Hunt

TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

SCHOOL BOARD

Ruth S. Dearborn

H. Wallace Fitts

Robert T. Nicoll

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Everton H. Parkinson

Residence, Derry, N. H., Tel. Office 195

SCHOOL NURSE

Rae Sives

Residence, Londonderry, N. H. Tel. Derry 574-4

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Fred MacDonald

AUDITOR

Paul S. Nutting

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

School and Grades	Name	Address
Grades 1-2	Greeley, Gertrude	Londonderry, N. H.
Grades 2-3	McCully, Doris	Chester, N. H.
Grades 4-5	Church, Muriel	Chester, N. H.
Grades 6-7	Raymond, Helen	Derry, N. H.
Grades 7-8	Vadeboncoeur, John	Chester, N. H.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1955 to June 1956

1955

First Period :

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 7

Closes Thursday, Dec. 22

1956

Second Period :

Opens Tuesday, Jan. 3

Closes Friday, Feb. 17

Third Period :

Opens Monday, Feb. 27

Closes Friday, April 20

Fourth Period :

Opens Monday, April 30

Closes at the end of
180 school days

Tentative Calendar

September 1956 to June 1957

1956

First Period :

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 5

Closes Friday, Dec. 21

1957

Second Period :

Opens Wednesday, Jan. 2

Closes Thursday, Feb. 21

Third Period :

Opens Monday, March 4

Closes Friday, April 19

Fourth Period :

Opens Monday, April 29

Closes at the end of
180 school days

Holidays

October 12

November 12

November 22-23

May 30-31

SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitans of the school district in the Town of Chester, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens Memorial Hall in said district on the 17th day of March, 1956 at 7:45 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Member of the School Board for one year to complete the unexpired term of Volney C. Allen.
5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in the warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will authorize the school board to spend the income from the Brown fund for supplementary books and pass any vote relating thereto.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue grading the area back of the school for playground activities and pass any vote relating thereto.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 29th day of February, 1956.

Ruth S. Dearborn
R. T. Nicoll
H. Wallace Fitts
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Ruth S. Dearborn
R. T. Nicoll
H. Wallace Fitts
School Board

BUDGET

Expenditures Item	Appropriated 1954-55	Expended 1954-55	Appropriated 1955-56	School Board's Budget 1956-57
Administration				
Salaries of district officers	\$276.00	\$276.00	\$420.00	\$420.00
Supt's. salary (local share)	317.93	317.93	347.36	336.00
Tax for state wide supervision	422.00	422.00	478.00	500.00
Salaries of administrative personnel	342.10	327.80	363.83	421.60
Supplies and expenses	369.85	344.58	422.81	472.00
Instruction				
Teachers salaries	15,523.40	14,988.30	16,078.14	17,055.00
Books and other instructional aids	350.00	478.61	350.00	450.00
Scholars' supplies	500.00	412.27	500.00	550.00
Supplies and expenses	125.00	269.59	250.00	250.00
Operation of School Plant				
Janitor's salary	900.00	790.10	900.00	900.00
Fuel	1,200.00	1,246.28	1,200.00	1,400.00
Light and janitors supplies	500.00	807.41	500.00	750.00
Maintenance of School Plant				
Repairs and replacements	500.00	259.15	500.00	500.00
Auxiliary Activities				
Health supervision	267.00	253.75	290.28	306.00
Transportation	6,000.00	6,410.43	6,000.00	6,000.00
Tuition—high school	19,000.00	17,975.21	21,390.00	21,450.00

Special activities and special funds		98.39	150.00	150.00
School lunch (federal and district funds only)	250.00	1,773.05	250.00	250.00
Fixed Charges				
Insurance, Treas. bonds and expenses	200.00	96.68	1,200.00	200.00
Retirement	1,052.58	997.76	1,092.31	1,170.01
Total Current Expenses	48,095.86	48,545.29	52,682.73	53,530.61
Capital Outlay				
Lands and new buildings (grading)	350.00	317.70	350.00	
New Equipment		234.37	250.00	250.00
Total Capital Outlay	350.00	552.07	600.00	250.00
Debt and Interest				
Principal of debt	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Interest on debt	628.75	628.75	551.25	498.75
Total Debt and Interest	4,628.75	4,628.75	3,551.25	3,498.75
Total Expenditures	\$53,074.61	\$53,726.11	\$56,833.98	\$57,279.36

BUDGET—Continued

Receipts Item	Appropriated		Receipts		Appropriated		School Board's	
	1954-55	1954-55	1954-55	1954-55	1955-56	1955-56	Budget 1956-57	
Cash on hand July 1	\$1,000.00	\$	449.03	\$	13.38	\$	1,500.00	
State Aid	11,815.88		11,815.88		16,073.15		15,000.00	
School Lunch			1,215.50					
Other sources35					
School Construction aid							600.00	
Total receipts other than Property Tax	12,815.88		13,480.76		16,086.53		17,100.00	
District assessment raised or to be raised by								
Property Taxes	40,258.73		40,258.73		40,747.45		40,179.36	
Advance on 1955-56 appropriation			3,000.00					
Total Appro. voted by School District	\$53,074.61		\$56,739.49		\$56,833.98		\$57,279.36	

SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET

1955-56

The Supervisory Union Board voted to appropriate \$22,844.06, including \$5,000.00 as the State's share of the Superintendents' and Helping Teacher's salaries, for the operation of the Union. The distribution of the Union's share of \$17,844.06 among the constituent districts is indicated below:

	Total	State's Share	Union's Share	Auburn	Chester	Derry	Londonderry	Windham
Supt. Salary -----	\$6,525.00	\$2,500.00	\$4,025.00	9.64%	8.63%	55.34%	14.81%	11.58%
Travel -----	600.00		600.00	\$388.01	\$347.36	\$2,227.44	\$596.10	\$466.09
Helping Teacher -----	3,900.00	2,500.00	1,400.00	57.84	51.78	332.04	8.86	69.48
Travel -----	600.00		600.00	134.96	120.82	774.76	207.34	162.12
Office Staff -----	2,800.00		2,800.00	57.84	51.78	332.04	58.86	69.48
Prof. Staff Salary -----				269.92	241.64	1,549.52	414.68	324.24
Nurse -----	2,800.00		2,800.00		9.51%	61.41%	16.40%	12.68%
Nurse Retirement -----	190.96		190.96		266.28	1,719.48	459.20	355.04
				21.36%	18.16	117.27	31.32	24.21
Music Supervisor -----	3,400.00		3,400.00	726.24	653.14		33.30%	26.13%
Other Travel -----	120.00		120.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	1,132.20	888.42
Retirement -----	658.10		658.10	63.44	56.79	364.20	20.00	20.00
Operational Exp. and Rent --	1,250.00		1,250.00	120.50	107.88	691.75	97.46	76.21
							185.12	144.75
Total -----	\$22,844.06	\$5,000.00	\$17,844.06	\$1,838.75	\$1,935.63	\$8,148.50	\$3,321.14	\$2,600.04

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

INCOME

National School Lunch	\$1,215.50	
State Aid	11,815.88	
Local Taxation		
Current appropriation	39,908.73	
Special appropriation	350.00	
Advance on next year's appropriation	3,000.00	
Other sources35	
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Total Net Receipts from all sources		\$56,290.46
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1954		449.03
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Grand Total Net Receipts		\$56,739.49

PAYMENTS

Administration	
Salaries of district officers	\$276.00
Superintendents' salaries (local share)	317.93
Tax for state wide supervision	422.00
Salaries other administrative personnel	327.80
Supplies and expenses	344.58
Instruction	
Teachers salaries	14,988.30
Books and other instructional aids	478.61
Scholars' supplies	412.27
Supplies and other expenses	269.59
Operation of School Plant	
Salaries of custodians	790.10
Fuel or heat	1,246.28
Water, light, supplies and expenses	807.41
Maintenance of School Plant	
Repairs and replacements	259.15
Auxiliary Activities	
Health supervision	253.75
Transportation	6,410.43
Tuition	17,975.21

Special activities and special funds	98.39	
School Lunch (Fed. & Dist. funds only)	1,773.05	
Fixed Charges		
Retirement	997.76	
Insurance, Treas. bonds	96.68	
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Total Net Current Expenses	48,545.29	
Capital Outlay		
Grading	317.70	
New Equipment	234.37	
Debt and Interest		
Principal of debt	4,000.00	
Interest on debt	628.75	
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Total Net Payments for all purposes		\$53,726.11
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Cash on hand end of year (June 30, 1955)		\$3,013.38

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

Cash on hand July 1, 1954 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		\$449.03
Received from Selectmen		
Current appropriation	\$40,258.73	
Advance on next year's appropriation	3,000.00	
Received from State Treasurer		
State Aid	11,815.88	
School lunch reimbursement	1,215.50	
Received from all other sources35	
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Total Receipts		\$56,290.46
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)		56,739.49
Less School Board Orders Paid		53,726.11
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Balance on hand June 30, 1955 (Treas. Bank Balance)		\$3,013.38

Carrie A. Richardson, District Treasurer

June 30, 1955

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

Paul S. Nutting, Auditor

August 13, 1955

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1955	\$3,013.38	
Total Assets		\$3,013.38

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by District		
Advance on '55-'56 Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Notes and Bonds Outstanding	33,000.00	
Total Liabilities		\$36,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$36,000.00	
Total Assets	3,013.38	
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)		\$32,986.62

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$37,000.00
Payment of Principal of Debt	4,000.00
Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$33,000.00

CHESTER SCHOOL LUNCH

September, 1954 — June, 1955

Receipts

Cash on hand September 1, 1954	\$ 335.56
Lunch Sales—Children	4,825.17
Lunch Sales—Adults	205.50

State Treas.—Reimbursement	959.30
District Appropriation	250.00
Misc. Cash	108.57

Total Receipts	\$6,684.10
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Expenditures

Expended for Food	\$4,039.56
Expended for Labor	1,825.00
Expended for Equipment	246.45
All other Expenditures	553.27

Total Expenditures	\$6,664.28
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Balance on hand June 30, 1955	19.82
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Accounts Receivable (Reimbursement)

May—Food	\$138.20
May—Milk	7.46
June—Food	41.60

Total	\$187.26
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Total Number of Lunches Served During Year

Type "A" Children	22,781
Type "A" Adults	720
Part Payment or Free	2,297
Av'g. No. of children served daily	134

PAGEANT ACCOUNT

Receipts

July 1, 1949, Balance on hand	\$137.75
May 1, 1950, Pageant receipts	88.16
May 21, 1950, Pageant receipts	80.28
April 25, 1952, Pageant receipts	108.05
April 27, 1953, Pageant receipts	94.28
May 15, 1954, Pageant receipts	75.29
March 18, 1955, Pageant receipts	70.24
May 12, 1955, Pageant receipts	58.20

Total Receipts	\$712.25
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Expenditures

July 7, 1949, Radio Electric, record player	\$42.51
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Jan. 29, 1951, Edward E. Babb, play ground equipment	55.00	
Sept. 22, 1952, A. H. Rice Co., Film Strip Projector	100.08	
Nov. 13, 1952, Milton Bradley Co., play- ground equipment	96.99	
Nov. 13, 1952, Henry Germain, trucking playground equipment	2.50	
July 15, 1953, Flowers	2.00	
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Total Expenditures		\$299.08
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Balance in account as of Jan. 31, 1956		\$413.17

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

	No. Pupils Tested	No. Defects Found	No. of pupils Seen or Treated by Family Physi.
Vision	166	13	5
Hearing	168	7	4
Inspections	165		
Heights	165		
Weights	165		
Home visits	7		

Communicable Diseases and Clinics

Mumps	4
Pediculosis	6
Mental Hygiene Clinic	1
Pre-School Clinic	17
Polio Clinic	32

Rae Sives, School Nurse

YOUR HELPING TEACHER REPORTS

The main aim of this position is to improve education of children. The work is chiefly in four areas: 1. Teaching Methods, 2. Preparation of Educational Materials, 3. Curriculum Study and Development, 4. In-Service Training. I believe that you would be interested in some of the developments in the last two areas.

Major changes have been made in fields of history and geography. The work has been co-ordinated and revisions made in grades four, six, seven, and eight. The study areas are as follows:

- Grade 4. New Hampshire and New England.
- Grade 5. The United States and Possessions.
- Grade 6. Canada, Central and South America.
- Grade 7. Eastern Hemisphere.
- Grade 8. United States History.

This will bring the work in all the schools of the union in step with the proposed state guide.

Changes in curriculum and recommendations for improvements frequently require the purchase of new materials and texts. Recent text additions for your youngsters include new reading books for grades five and six, some supplementary readers for lower grades,

health and personal development for grades seven, and histories and geographies for grade six and seven.

Consideration must now be given to possible text changes in grade eight history and arithmetic for all grades.

In-service training is available to the teachers in several forms. A course in science and health is being offered as an extension from Keene Teachers. The University of New Hampshire and Boston University are also offering courses in the vicinity. The services of a reading consultant were obtained for this union and all teachers attended. This service was available for two days. Teacher bulletins are issued regularly with suggestions and the names of suggested articles of educational interest. Special help is offered new teachers.

I believe that the youngsters in your school are receiving an education comparable to that received in other communities. The teachers are interested in each pupil as an individual and they are making an effort to meet the needs of each. However, it must be remembered that all teachers have combined grades and large enrollments for the size of the rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Russell Raymond

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Chester School Board:

I herewith submit my fourteenth annual report as superintendent of schools in Chester.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Enrollment

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 31, 1956 was 179 as compared to 176 for the same date last year and 172 two years ago.

The membership by school and grades as of January 31, 1956 follows:

School	Grade								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Chester	26	18	25	24	11	12	27	29	172

The number of Chester pupils who were in high school on January 31, 1956 was:

School	Grade				Total
	9	10	11	12	
Hood	8				8
Pinkerton		9	7	8	24
Manchester Central		2	2	1	5
Raymond	4	4	3	6	17
Lowel Vocational		1			1
Totals	12	16	12	15	55

Statistics For The School Year Ending June 30, 1955

Total registration	181
Half Days schools were in session	354
Average membership	167.33
Average attendance	158.08
Per cent of attendance	94.47
Pupils transported at district expense	114

On Friday, June 17, 1955 the following boys and girls who had completed the prescribe elementary program of studies were presented diplomas

Bagley, Ruth M.	Menard, Jeanne M.
Carson, Peter J.	O'Connor, William
Clement, Jeanette	Shea, Daniel C.
DePalmenary, Sara Lee	Stockbridge, Kathryn
Downing, Laurence G.	Ware, Clarence P.
Fullerton, Carolyn M.	West, Richard A.
Lewis, Richard D.	Wise, Frank A.
May, Judith	

The enrollments situation is much the same as it was last year. The trend indicated last year is more acute this year. The total enrollment is almost identical but an anticipated decrease in the upper 4 grades is offset by an increase in the first four grades:—

Elementary Enrollments

	Total	Actual		Total	Actual
		1-4	5-8		
1-31-56	179	93	79	172	
1-31-55	172	85	86	171	
1-31-54	172	82	89	171	
1-31-53	150	74	71	145	
1-31-52	151	79	69	148	

The space requirements of an enrollment of this number are greatly in excess of available space. The enrollment is nearly double that of 10 years ago. The significant fact is that the enrollment in Grades 1-4 has increased from 49 to 93 in 10 years and in the 10 year span every year except one has seen the enrollment in this area, grades 1-4, increase.

The secondary enrollment last year and this showed a drop from the preceding year. It will increase with the 8th grade group nearly double the number of high school seniors. The current 5th and 6th grade groups will possibly cause the secondary enrollment to decrease when they arrive at that level. These two grades are the only small grades in school at the present time. The national trend indicates that the peak secondary enrollment will come in the early 60's and Chester's enrollment is in line with the national situation.

The need for additional classroom space at both elementary and secondary level was pointed out by the White House Conference and a realization of a national, as well as a state and local need, has been recognized by the introduction of bills in both national houses to provide for construction assistance from national sources. The General Court also provided assistance at State level with School Construction aid.

Personnel

There was but one change in personnel since the last report. Mrs. Perry resigned and Mrs. Raymond was hired to replace her. All positions again were filled with trained and experienced teachers. It is indeed fortunate that such is the case for the Chester youngsters are thus given an educational opportunity that is exceptional under present conditions.

The other educational services were continued. Mrs. Frances Kelley continued as music supervisor. With the assistance of the classroom teachers the work of the music department produces some fine results.

The continued services of the supervisors from the Rinehart Handwriting System produces good penmanship. The standards set-up by the system are attainable and generally the papers of the pupil show it. The continuance of this educational service will have as much carry over to adult life as any service we offer.

The use of visual aids and other supplementary materials permits the staff to utilize the time available more effectively. The

greater number of these aids that can be provided the greater efficiency that can be achieved. The use of films, both strips and movies, sound equipment, as well as the usual visual aids makes the learning process easier and more effective.

Budget

The budget shows a net increase of \$450 (approximately). Increases in some areas are offset by decreases so that the total change is the above figure. In a period like this to have such a slight increase without curtailing any of the educational services is remarkable.

It is more remarkable when the tax levy seemingly will be reduced. An increase in income is due to two factors, cash balance and school construction aid. The increase in income permits a reduction of approximately \$550.00 in tax levy, provided that there are no special appropriations.

Conclusion

The report of the helping teacher is included this year for the first time. The progress in curriculum and classroom procedure as a result of this educational service will result in improved educational opportunity for all.

It is a satisfying experience to work in a school community where all are so vitally concerned in providing the best possible educational experience for all the children of the district.

Respectfully submitted,

Everton H. Parkinson
Superintendent of Schools

Births, Marriages and Deaths

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF CHESTER.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31st, 1955

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Name of Father				Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
			Male or Female	Live or Still b.	No. of Child	Color			
Jan. 9	East Derry	William Martin Lewis	m	l	5	w	Marilyn V. Smith	Chester, N. H.	Derry, N. H.
Feb. 3	Chester	Janica C. Woodward	f	l	4	w	Bernice D. Swanson	Scranton, Pa.	Newton, Mass.
Mar. 9	East Derry	William H. Browne	m	l	8	w	Marilyn S. Williams	Boston, Mass.	Arlington, Mass.
Mar. 22	East Derry	Wayne A. Richardson	m	l	1	w	Ruth Ann Comstock	Chester, N. H.	Fall River, Mass.
July 12	Manchester	Milton Lawrence Moore	m	l	1	w	Johanna E. Winter	Orleans, Vt.	Holland
Aug. 25	East Derry	Howard Allen Goddard	m	l	4	w	Lillian C. Boghorian	Nashua, N. H.	Dorchester, Mass.
Sept. 8	East Derry	Robert Neal Wolak	m	l	3	w	Geneva B. Cross	Mass.	Canada
Sept. 27	Manchester	Carolyn Jane Delorey	f	l	1	w	Arlene F. Roberts	Winchester, Mass.	Manchester, N. H.
Oct. 24	East Derry	Laura Melvin	f	l	6	w	Hannah Anderton	Nashua, N. H.	Lawrence, Mass.
Nov. 19	East Derry	Kathleen Lemay	f	l	7	w	Arlene L. Wheeler	Canada	Milford, N. H.
Nov. 19	East Derry	Elaine Lemay	f	l	8	w	Arlene L. Wheeler	Canada	Milford, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time Marriage	Age of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Names of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence, Official Station of Person by whom Married
Jan. 29	Chester	Henry E. Morin	Derry	29 Truck Driver	Henry E. Morin, Doris Morgan	5 J. Stanley Dahlman	5 J. Stanley Dahlman	5 J. Stanley Dahlman
Feb. 15	Fremont	Betty I. Healey	Chester	23 Shoe Worker	Everett Healey, Florence Holland	10 ordained Minister	10 ordained Minister	10 ordained Minister
Feb. 19	Epping	Alan P. Dickason	Chester	18 Carpenter Helper	Clarence Dickason, Melb Garow	1 A. Richard Margels	1 A. Richard Margels	1 A. Richard Margels
Mar. 19	Chester	Elizabeth L. McGrath	Derry	42 Postmaster	Wm. H. McGrath, Eleanor Douglas	1 Justice of the Peace	1 Justice of the Peace	1 Justice of the Peace
April 16	East Derry	James H. O'Connell	Fremont	35 Bookkeeper	James A. O'Connell, Catherine L. Welch	1 Rev. V. A. Dagenais, PP	1 Rev. V. A. Dagenais, PP	1 Rev. V. A. Dagenais, PP
May 15	Chester	Cecelia Lewis Purinton	Chester	27 Clerk	Roy W. Purinton, Effa F. Lewis	1 Catholic Priest	1 Catholic Priest	1 Catholic Priest
June 16	Chester	Clifford Allen Hicks	Chester	27 Tel. Operator	Arthur L. Hicks, Ethel A. Russell	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
June 26	Chester	Joan Alta Berry	Derry	26 Bookkeeper	Wayland B. Berry, Alta M. Laurence	1 Ordained Minister	1 Ordained Minister	1 Ordained Minister
July 2	Chester	Grant Gage Benson, Jr.	Chester	22 Mechanic	Grant B. Benson, Sr. Marjorie Newhall	1 Robert W. Henderson	1 Robert W. Henderson	1 Robert W. Henderson
July 23	Chester	Jeanette M. Smith	Chester	23 Office Secretary	Chas. H. Smith, May L. French	2 J. Stanley Dahlman	2 J. Stanley Dahlman	2 J. Stanley Dahlman
Aug. 6	Concord	Kenneth N. Prescott	Haverhill	25 Office Worker	Henry G. Hastings, Corn C. Forsyth	1 Ordained Minister	1 Ordained Minister	1 Ordained Minister
Sept. 9	Chester	Joanne L. Hastings	Dorchester	26 Hoofier	Wm. S. Hopgood, Margaret M. Martin	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
Sept. 11	Chester	Robert W. Hopgood	Dorchester	18 Housewife	Roland A. Brake, Verna L. Wiss	1 Ordained Minister	1 Ordained Minister	1 Ordained Minister
Sept. 24	Raymond	Edward G. Craven, Jr.	Lawrence	21 Business Man	Edward G. Craven, Beatrice C. Bristol	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
Oct. 9	Chester	Elizabeth Rand	Chester	22 Teacher	Robert J. Rand, Isabel Groff	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
Oct. 21	Raymond	Edward Berry Smith	Derry	26 Steel Worker	Smith, Effa Roberts	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
Nov. 26	Manchester	David, Staborn Griffin	Auburn	18 At Home	Geoff A. Clement, Alice E. Milbury	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
Dec. 25	Chester	May Fidella Mitchell	Chester	37 Stock Clerk	George P. Griffin, Margaret A. Staborn	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		John Shaffer Rand	Chester	24 Business Man	Lester V. Mitchell, Christie V. Hunt	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Sandra Jean Miller	Altoona, Pa.	19 At Home	Loren P. Rand, Isabel B. Groff	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Donald Louis Valzone	Concord	24 Brakeman	Orrville S. Miller, Melinda K. Stewart	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Sylvia Minnie West	Concord	22 Student Nurse	Salvatore Falzone, Helen Pokorski	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Harriet A. Gunn	Orange, N. J.	60 Retired	John West, Hazel Hunt	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Donald A. Morrison	Charlestown	25 Bookkeeper	Angus Gunn, Catherine Murray	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Philip A. Rand	Chester	24 Theolog Student	George T. Cobb, Rosalie Blanchard	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Nancy E. Gosselin	Chester	19 Grain Mixer	George E. Rand, Gertrude L. Middleton	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Albert H. Plignon	Raymond	18 Bookkeeper	Philip F. Leonard, Edith L. Carter	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Irene H. Hanger	Reo, Keating	37 Checker	Alfred E. Gosselin, Eunice I. Hardy	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Howard L. Cottrell	Raymond	19 Housewife	Chester H. Plignon, Jesse I. Nichols	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Colleen Esther Towle	Chester	16 Student Driver	Henry D. Lanyon, Mary E. Daley	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Kenneth J. McFarland	Chester	18 Driver	Frederic Cottrell, Clara Chandler	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Alice May Edwards	Chester	20 At Home	Orestes P. Towle, Esther G. Dunn	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Richard S. Hazleton	Chester	18 Lumber Worker	Fred McFarland, Marion J. Porter	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Thomas R. Pritchard	Bedford	20 Salesman	Merton O. Edwards, Frances C. Estes	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
		Eleanor M. Emery	Virginia	19 Office Worker	Henry W. Clayton, Agnes Dixon	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
			Haverhill	21 U. S. Service	Robert C. Hazleton, Margaret McComb	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
				19 At Home	Park Pritchard, Ida Brengiar	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman
					Harold M. Emery, Marjorie Tute	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman	1 Stanley Dahlman

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 8	East Derry	Ida Minnie Davis	74	Raymond, N. H.	Spinney	Unknown
Jan. 24	Concord	John R. Goodrich	80	New Hampshire	John H. Goodrich	Addie Row
March 21	Chester	Minnie Edwards	85	Prince Edward Isle	Samuel Warren	Susan Gibson
March 27	Brentwood	Pauline Wells	40	Haverhill, Mass.	Frank Poore	Daisy Lewis
April 2	Chester	Joseph Walter Stacey	71	Randolph, Mass.	Joseph H. Stacey	Marjorie Wamboldt
June 27	Exeter	Willard Emery Porter	81	Plaistow, N. H.	Willard E. Porter	Etta Kelley
Aug. 15	Chester	George Henry Gordon	70	Sherbrooke, Canada	George H. Gordon	Clara Hopkinton
Aug. 17	Chester	Edward Austin Towle	73	Chester, N. H.	James W. Towle	Sarah J. Brown
Sept. 7	Brentwood	Etta A. Hersen	72	Chester, N. H.	Ivory Lovering	Josephine Marden
Sept. 10	Chester	Wm. C. B. Powers	66	Lakeville, N. S.	James A. Powers	Mary Bill
Sept. 19	East Derry	Edward Payson Beeman	73	Gloucester, Mass.	Lorenzo Beeman	Rachel Ellery
Sept. 26	Lynn, Mass.	Silas Holly Dunham	62	St. John, N. B.	George S. Dunham	Enma Chase
Oct. 30	Chester	Marion I. McFarland	55	Sandown, N. H.	Willard Porter	Mary E. Kelley
Nov. 24	Chester	Harold Edwin Wason	53	Chester, N. H.	William Wason	Eva Martin
Dec. 15	Chester	Arthur Volney Allen	57	Chester, N. H.	Frank Allen	Adella Lougee
Dec. 18	East Derry	Edmund Joseph Cox	71	So. Boston, Mass.	Joseph Cox	Mary Gitten
Dec. 19	Manchester	Beulah Mills	50	Chester, N. H.	William West	Ida Spinney
Dec. 26	East Derry	Chas. Fosdick Swan	65	Tucson, Arizona	Charles H. Swan	Elizabeth C. VanAntwerp

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk

